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THE DAY

FAREWELL

AND now it is really goodbye. The hectic rounds of farewells are over, the various departmental celebrations are over. The last toast has been downed, the last handshake has been made. Everything now belongs to yesterday. Sir Alexander is our Governor no longer.

Those who have resided in the Colony over the years that Sir Alexander has been our Governor find it hard to imagine that he will be with us no more. So long has he been with us that we thought him part of the Colony, someone permanent, and the thought he is no longer to be with us is hard to believe.

Share Pride

ON the other hand, when we look back over the ten and a half years he has governed, we share a kind of pride with him, and in him, of all that has been achieved.

He arrived at a time when anything could happen. New forces were abroad, and old systems were going down overnight. There were alarms and excursions, yet through it all, the Colony progressed in its own way.

This quiet and peaceful Colony stood out as an example to the whole world. It was, and is, a place where men can meet, no matter their colour, race, or creed, and find here a haven where men of goodwill can walk unafraid.

Petitions

IT is impossible yet to assess how far Sir Alexander contributed to this. So much is apparent. The petitions signed by all classes and races praying that he might continue with us, speak for themselves.

There was no place in the Colony where Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham were not welcomed. No place was too mean for them to visit, no person, however humble, did not feel they were true friends.

We think of the schoolchildren who knew him when he visited the schools. The Boy Scouts who knew him as a friend visiting their camps. We think of the needy who knew him as a friend. We think of the unfortunate who found cheer in his presence.

Arduous Duties

LADY Grantham, who shared with him the arduous duties of his high calling will be missed among those many institutions which render yeoman's service to the least fortunate members of the Colony.

But this is the way service goes. On some future occasion, when the bands play, and the flags fly, we shall realise Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham are no longer with us. But they too shall have memories. Memories that will never grow old. We hope they too shall look back, and remember with much affection, we who are left behind.

Farewells are sad. Some are, however, merely social functions. But we are sad because it is not only that we lose a Governor and his gracious lady today, but two friends who have been so long with us. And are with us no more.

SPUTNIK'S DAYS ARE NUMBERED

London, Dec. 30. The first Soviet earth satellite will enter the earth's atmosphere and burn itself out "in the first days of January," Moscow Radio announced today.

The broadcast, heard here, said Sputnik I's orbit was rapidly decreasing and that the satellite itself was getting nearer to the earth. "The period of its revolution has been somewhat reduced to four."

HK BIDS FAREWELL TO GRANTHAMS

Tearful Scenes At Queen's Pier

H.E.'s LAST MESSAGE

People of Hongkong this morning bade a tearful farewell to their retiring Governor, Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham.

There were emotional scenes at Queen's Pier where a large and distinguished gathering headed by H.E. the Governor, British Forces, Lieutenant-General Sir Eric Baden, the Hon. the Chief Justice, Mr. M. J. Hopwood, and the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Mr. E. B. David and their wives assembled to wish them bon voyage and God-speed.

Best of Luck

Several ladies were weeping while Lady Grantham also was in tears.

In his last message to the Colony, Sir Alexander wished them the best of luck in the future.

Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham arrived at the Pier shortly before 11 a.m. from Government House where His Excellency inspected a Police guard of honour.

Sir Alexander was given a Royal Salute after which he inspected a Combined Services guard of honour composed of the Royal Navy with a Royal Marine Band in attendance, a detachment of the 1st Battalion, the Green Howards, accompanied by their Regimental Band, and a guard drawn from the Royal Air Force.

Final Greetings

Following the inspection, His Excellency and Lady Grantham exchanged final greetings with the gathering, numbering over 350 of the Colony's topnotch VIPs and their wives.

After saying good-bye to the Press, His Excellency wished the people of Hongkong the best of luck in the future.

The Governor and Lady Grantham then boarded the barge, Lady Maurine, for the Norwegian flag vessel Bougainville, moored in mid-stream.

The vessel, which was dressed overall, weighed anchor at noon and sailed out of the harbour escorted by four Marine Police launches, two Marine Department tugs, two Commerce and Industry Department launches, with Marine Launch No. 28 bringing up the rear.

Firecrackers

Long strings of firecrackers were set off from Launch No. 28 and from the ferry Man Foo.

As the ship passed Jardine's godown at East Point a salute of 17 guns was fired to His Excellency and the directors of the company waved goodbye.

As the Bougainville passed the Yacht Club, the fireboat, Alexander Grantham, gave a final salute to the Governor by way of a water display.

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Yemeni Attack In Aden

Aden, Dec. 30. A Yemeni force crossed the borders into the Aden Protectorate near Mukerim on the night of December 28-29 and attacked British positions for several hours until they were driven back with considerable casualties, it was officially announced here today.

The announcement said the Yemeni casualties were "considerable" while the defenders lost one killed and one wounded.—France-Presse.

FRENCH MAYOR IMPALED ON SCISSORS

Bordeaux, Dec. 30.

Authorities today began an investigation in an attempt to discover who embedded a sharp scissor blade in the chair of the Assistant Mayor of Pessac, Jean Thomas, breaking up a municipal council session.

The municipal council of the town near Bordeaux was just beginning its meeting when Assistant Mayor Thomas, a construction material dealer, uttered a scream as he sat down.

BLADE TRAP

A physician called in to treat him said that the blade had just barely missed a femoral artery as it impaled the assistant mayor.

A political dispute has been raging between the mayor and a majority of the council, which has been systematically vetoed all of his measures, but it was not known whether the knife blade trap was a product of this clash.—France-Presse.

No China Mail Tomorrow

The China Mail will not be published tomorrow (New Year's Day), but will appear again on Thursday with an early edition.

The South China Morning Post will appear as usual tomorrow but will not then resume publication until Friday.

PALACE INTRUDER CAUGHT

London, Dec. 30.

A 28-year-old man was today admitted to a London hospital for observation after trying to break into Buckingham Palace, London yesterday.

The man, whose name was not revealed, climbed the railings of the palace gardens but landed on the inside at the feet of a gunner.

He was taken to a guard room but replied incoherently to questioning.

The Royal family were not in the palace as they are spending the end of the year holidays at Sandringham Castle.—France-Presse.

Last-Ditch Meeting

New York, Dec. 30.

Last-ditch negotiations aimed at "hending off" a New Year's Eve city-wide subway and bus strike bogged down in a "complete stalemate" today and Mayor Robert F. Wagner stepped in to try to prevent the threatened transit paralysis.

After two hours of negotiations, City Labour Commissioner Harold Felix announced that both sides had refused to budge.

Wagner immediately invited all the negotiators in three separate disputes to his office for still further attempts to prevent a strike that would halt every subway train and most buses in the City.—United Press.

GOODBYE, HONGKONG POLICE



His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, inspecting the Police Medal Party at Government House this morning before his departure for Queen's Pier. He is accompanied by Mr. A. C. Maxwell, Police Commissioner, and Inspector Yuen Se-hung. — (Staff Photographer).

Best Tips For Tomorrow's Valley Races

By "Rapier"
RACE 1

Reyaz
Heronine
Encore

Outsider—Roman Hero.
RACE 2

So Big
Advancement
Subrina
Outsider—Applause.
RACE 3

Marianne
Dutch Courage
Tonyber
Outsider—Diamond Lil.
RACE 4

Tell-me-more
Lawrence
Not So Bad
Outsider—Perfektibility.
RACE 5

Gay Sire
Carola
High Noon
Outsider—Sunstreak.
RACE 6

Red Light
Night People
Serbu
Outsider—Vingt Et Un.
RACE 7

Curtsey
New Love
Orange Beauty
Outsider—Every Day.
RACE 8

King Kong
Cordon Rouge
Lynber
Outsider—Sea Raider.
RACE 9

Five Gold
Appreciation
Cirrus
Outsider—Five Gold.
RACE 10

Gambetta
Ol' Lok Princess
Huntington
Our Pride
Outsider—Gambetta.

Abominable Snowman Cared For Small Girl For Five Years Says Sherpa

Katmandu, Dec. 30. A Yeti—or Abominable Snowman—would rather have Marilyn Monroe investigate him than any mere man, a survey of the Yeti's habits showed today.

SEVERANCE OF TIES WITH UK

Mintoff's Resolution Passed By Maltese Parliament

Vallletta, Dec. 30. The Maltese Parliament tonight passed unanimously by acclamation a motion proposed by Mr. Dom Mintoff, the Prime Minister, calling for a severance of ties with Britain unless she provides alternative work for discharged dockyard workers.

The vote was taken after Mr. Mintoff had read an urgent message from Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, the British Colonial Secretary, expressing "incredulity" at the vote.

The House then adjourned until January 14.

A Warning

Mr. Mintoff read Mr. Lennox-Boyd's message half-way through his review of recent events concerning Malta.

He said his motion had been agreed to by the opposition party and was a warning to Great Britain that the Kingdom would change its policy regarding the dockyard redundancy. If the policy remained unchanged the motion would be affirmed.

Premier Dom Mintoff told a cheering House that his Government rejected a claim by the British Colonial Secretary, that Britain was not under any obligation to find work for Malta's jobless.

LENNOX-BOYD EXPRESSES INCREDOULITY

London, Dec. 30. The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, told the Prime Minister of Malta, Mr. Dom Mintoff tonight that his threat to sever ties with Britain "cannot further the common cause of our two countries."

In a special message telegraphed to Mr. Mintoff, the Colonial Secretary said, "I have seen the report of your motion in the legislative assembly with incredulity."

Mr. Lennox-Boyd also told Mr. Mintoff that he was wrong in suggesting that Britain was obliged to guarantee specific levels of employment in the dockyards where 14,000 Maltese work and which the Maltese government fear might be closed.

He asked Mr. Mintoff to tell the Maltese Parliament that it was not correct to suggest that Britain did not want to carry out the declaration of July 1955 which was a statement of objectives of economic policy in Malta with emphasis on the diversification of Malta's economy and on the need for combined efforts by Britain and the Maltese people themselves.

There has been no definite statement that Britain will close part of them, but the move was foreshadowed in a Defence Department White Paper.—Reuters.

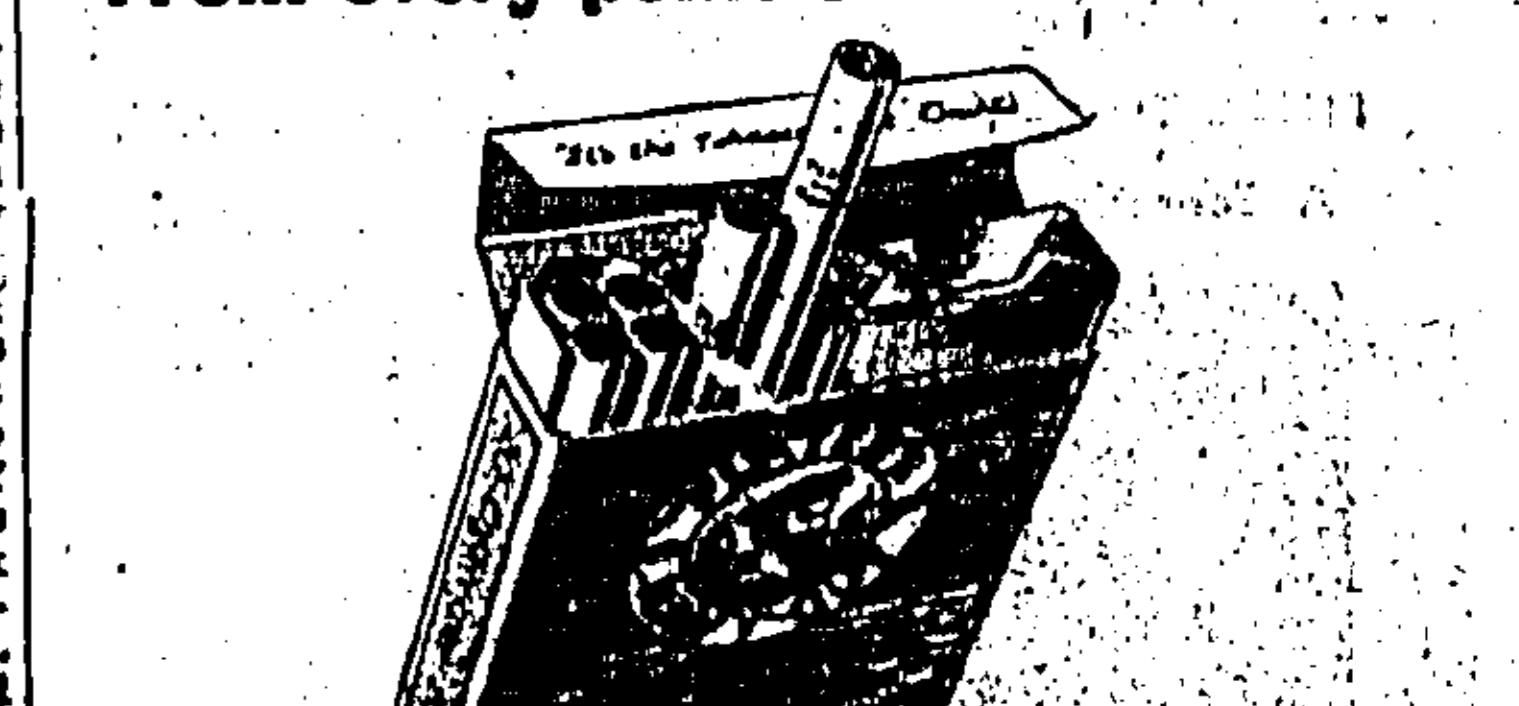
COALITION OF THREE?

Jerusalem, Dec. 30. The new Israeli Government to be formed after the official resignation of the present cabinet will probably include only three of the five parties composing the present Government, political circles said today. The present Government, formed by Premier David Ben-Gurion in November 1955 after three months of efforts, included the Labour Mapai, Circle close to Ben-Gurion indicated the next Government would include only the Mapai Party, the Progressive Party and the Religious Workers Hapoel Hamizrachi Party.

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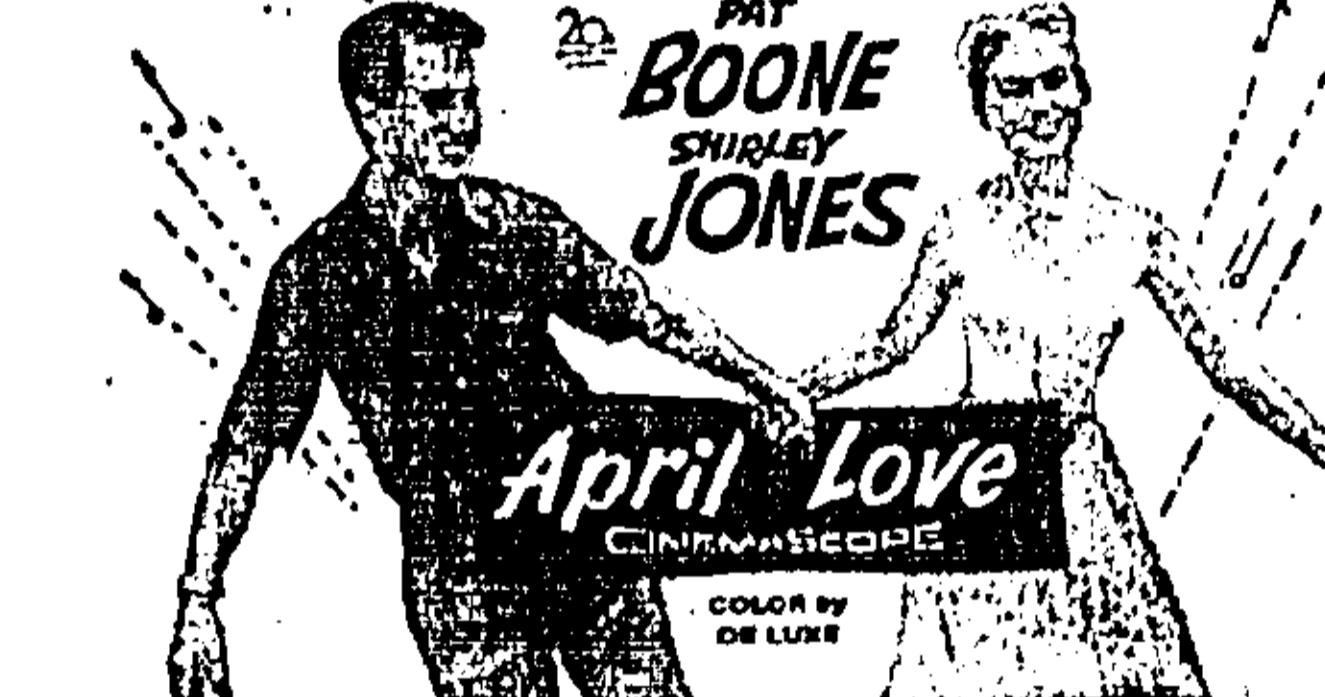
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**EISENHOWER
TO RESIGN?
DENIAL BY
WHITE HOUSE**

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said "of course not" today when asked if President Eisenhower is giving any thought to resigning.

In Washington, Chairman Emanuel Celler (Democrat-New York) of the House Judiciary Committee had called on the President to "resign temporarily" if he can function as "President in name only."

**JAPAN ENTERS
THE
MISSILE AGE**

Tokyo, Dec. 30. Japan will be entering the "Missile Age" with the forthcoming introduction of U.S. Sidewinder guided missiles into its Self Defence Force, sources close to the Defence Agency said on Sunday.

They added that in addition to the mighty 155-pound American Sidewinder air-to-air guided missile, Japan has also purchased an Erlikon guided missile from Switzerland for research purposes.

And in Japan, they added, such missiles as the TM-A-1 and the liquid-fuelled TLRM rocket have been completed for experimental firing scheduled for next Spring.

A 200 mm rocket for the Ground Self Defence Force has also been completed for test firing, they said.—United Press.

**France Raises
Luxury Taxes**

Paris, Dec. 30. France today raised to 27.5 per cent its taxes on sales and importation of 24 categories of products ranging from luxuries like perfume and jewels to household appliances like radios, stoves and refrigerators.

The tax, which takes effect on the first of the year represented an increase of 2.5 per cent but was expected to result in an actual increase of three per cent in prices of these goods.—France Presse.

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Rhymes with Playgirl

I THINK YOU'D LIKE IT!

WELL, KEITH, WHAT SORT OF PLACE IS IT?

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Afro-Asian Delegates Demand Ban On Nuclear Arms H-TESTS: A MENACE TO HUMANITY

Call For A Halt To Production Of Weapons

Cairo, Dec. 30. The political committee of the Afro-Asian Solidarity Conference meeting here today approved its final resolution on nuclear weapons calling upon "the governments of the United States, Soviet Russia and Britain to put an end to continuing tests of nuclear weapons." The resolution added: "Such tests are a serious menace to humanity and we demand the immediate unconditional banning of the tests as the first step towards the prohibition of the manufacture and stockpiling and use of these weapons of mass destruction and as a step towards universal disarmament."

The London Rail Disaster:

Identification Of Victims By Their Clothing

London, Dec. 30. Some of the 90 victims of a train crash in a London fog early this month could only be identified at the inquest here today, by clothing or little personal possessions.

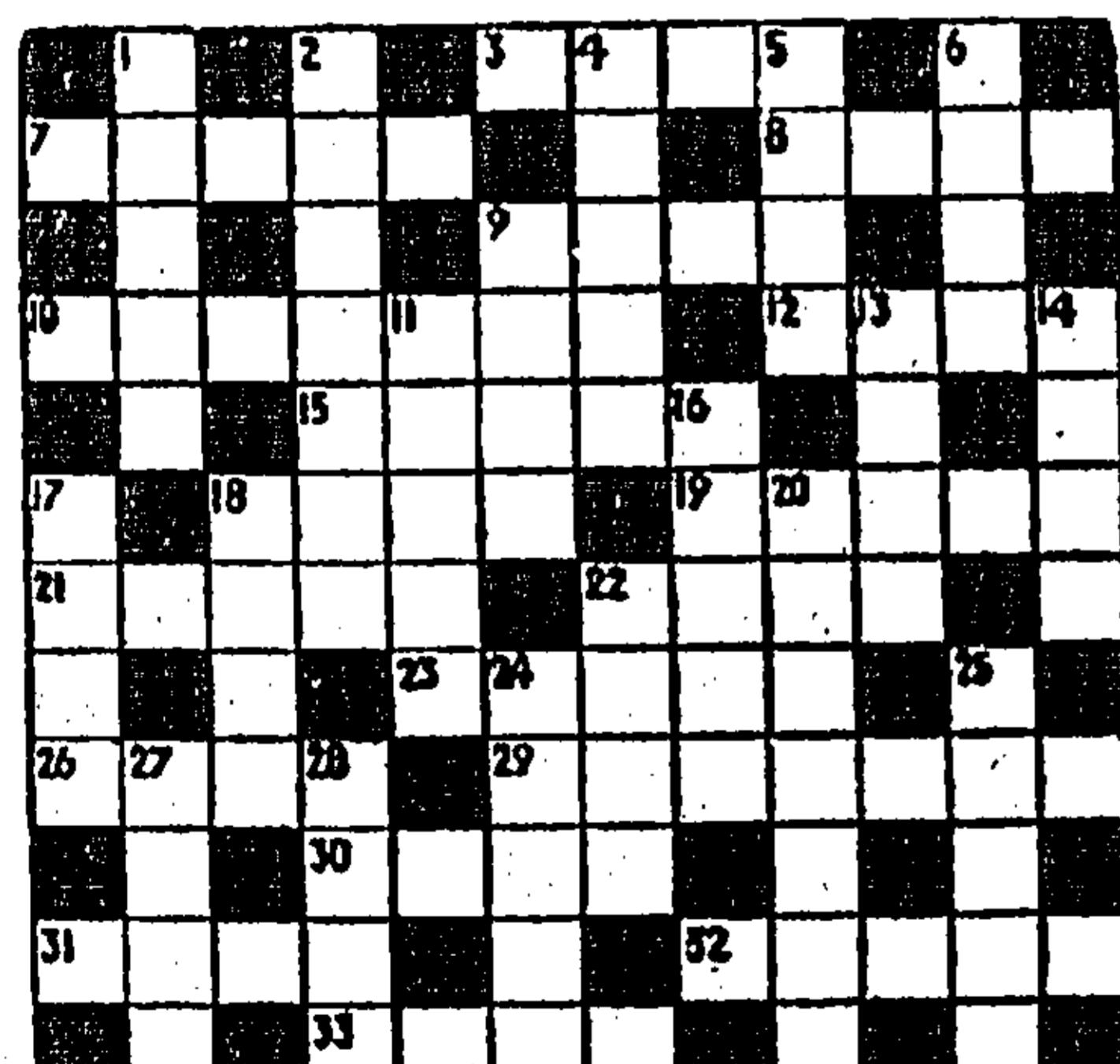
A tragic procession of witnesses, mostly men, filed into the main council chamber at London's County Hall on the opening day of the inquest to give formal identification of individual victims.

Fathers, husbands, wives or friends each took less than two minutes to give their evidence.

A retired government official was identified by his rosary, watch and pen. A father recognised his 20-year-old daughter's engagement ring.

The coroner told the jury of ten men that their duty was to say who might have been responsible for the disaster, but to decide on the manner of the victims' deaths — "accidental death or death by manslaughter, or that you do not know and will never be able to find out." —Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3 Account for William? (4).
7 Address tag (5).
8 Highland Gaelic (4).
9 Japanese drink (4).
10 He gets the pip more than once (7).
12 Got a move on (4).
13 Conceals the skin (5).
15 Wilhord (4).
16 Egotist's subject? (5).
21 Knowing full well (5).
22 "Inside" (4).
23 Can you laugh like one? (5).
24 Territorial mainly existing (5).
29 Getting on (7).
30 Often associated with Kensington (4).
31 Opera excerpt, perhaps (4).
32 Flower kept in a shop (5).
33 Car cemetery (4).

DOWN
1 Not a hot meal (5).
2 A common girl (7).
4 Just silly (5).
5 Liquid leftovers (4).
6 Man, maybe (4).
9 Team not at the front (4).
11 Ventilated (5).
13 Strip to the skin? (4).
14 Documentary act (4).
15 Pint and proper (5).
17 Combination of features (4).
18 Oriental garment (4).
20 Integrity in the garden (7).
22 Bitterness (4).
24 Territory mainly existing (5).
25 Product of lazy minors? (5).
27 To do so makes a change (4).
28 Freight (4).
29 Flower kept in a shop (5).
30 Often associated with Kensington (4).
31 Opera excerpt, perhaps (4).
32 Flower kept in a shop (5).
33 Car cemetery (4).

MONDAY'S SOLUTION—Across: 1 Thelma, 7 Tall, 9 Melon, 10 Title, 11 Alida, 13 Bloodstock, 15 Karl, 16 Read, 19 Discourse, 22 Diet, 24 Opine, 26 Abbott, 28 Anne, 27 Treaty, 29 Down: 2 Ho-ho, 3 Linda, 4 Astute, 5 Attacker, 6 Fred, 8 Allie, 12 Solve, 18 Barred, 19 Oddities, 21 A-dep, 20 Acrostic, 23 U.S.A.-go, 21 Ambit, 25 Irida.

Khrushchev Is Time's "Man Of The Year"

New York, Dec. 30. Time magazine today named Soviet Communist leader Nikita Khrushchev as "1957's Man Of The Year." Unquestionably, in the deadly give-and-take of the cold war, the high score for the year belonged to Russia," Time said in its January 6 issue, out tomorrow.

"And unquestionably, the Man Of The Year was Russia's stubby and bald, garrulous and brilliant ruler: Nikita Khrushchev. In my estimation, he was as extreme a dictator as any man has ever seen."

"Now since Alexander the Great had mankind seen a despot so willingly, so frequently and so publicly drunk. Not since old Hitler had the world seen a braggart so arrogantly able to make good his own boasts."

"In 1957, Nikita Khrushchev did more than oversee the launching of man's first moon, he made himself undisputed and single master of Russia. Few men had travelled so far so fast..."

The resolution continued: "As the Soviet government has declared its readiness to stop nuclear weapon tests beginning in January 1958, we appeal to the United States and the United Kingdom to take the same attitude."

The resolution called on scientists of the world to take steps "to prohibit and destroy stockpiled atomic weapons."

Arms Race

It regretted the "decision of the Nato session to supply member countries with nuclear rocket weapons which strengthened the cold war, and appealed to the United Nations to take decisive measures to prevent an armaments race."

The committee then approved a final resolution on Palestine saying that "the state of Israel is a base of imperialism which threatens progress and security in the Middle East."

The resolution condemned "Israel's aggressive policy which is a threat to world peace."

It expressed sympathy with the Arab refugees and supported their rights.

Russia

Russia is expected to speak at tomorrow's plenary session.

The Moroccan government dissociated itself from the conference today and its embassy here said the persons participating in the name of Morocco represented only their own viewpoints or their own groups.

The speaker of the Moroccan Assembly had been unable to attend as the invitation had been sent to him too late. (The conference is non-governmental and the 500 delegates represent "solidarity committees" in more than 40 countries.) —Reuter.

GERMANY WON'T SUPPLY ISRAEL WITH ARMS

By MURRAY ELLIOTT

Koenigsbrunner, Dec. 30. The West German press chief, Herr Von Eckardt, said today that his country would not be able to supply Israel with arms.

Antarctic Expedition

Belgians Are Ahead Of Schedule

Brussels, Dec. 30. The 16-man Belgian Antarctic expedition, which arrived at the South Polar continent on Christmas Day, is almost one week ahead of schedule in the establishment of its base, a spokesman of the expedition headquarters here announced today. They are working non-stop in shifts unloading and transporting to base their 400 tons of supplies and scientific equipment.

FLAG RAISED

Captain Gaston de Gerlache, 30-year-old wartime member of the British Royal Air Force, raised the Belgian flag near Freid Bay, Princess Ragnhild Land, on Boxing Day, the spokesman said.

Captain de Gerlache originally planned to establish a base about three miles from the ice cliff wall of the continent, but he had now found a crevassed-free point for the base about 11 miles inland.

He plans next year to explore the chain of mountains some 125 miles from the base, the spokesman added. —Reuter.

Eden Moves Nearer His Doctors

London, Dec. 30. Former British Premier Sir Anthony Eden arrived at his new Whitstable home today to be nearer his London doctors.

Sir Anthony arrived in a car driven by Lady Eden from their previous home in Cornwall.

A recent attack of fever sent Sir Anthony to bed and his doctors advised him to move nearer to London and to the specialists who are treating him. —France-Press.

ONLY WAY TO AVOID A WAR: MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE!

—Franco

Madrid, Dec. 30. Spanish Chief of State Generalissimo Francisco Franco warned tonight that the only way to avoid war was by "making it impossible."

Franco, in his annual New Year's message, told the Spanish people that the way to peace was by every nation using all its resources so that the enemy could not achieve advantage.

Franco departed from his usual custom of speaking on New Year's Eve and gave his talk 26 hours before year's end. "Future war," Franco told a nationwide radio audience, "will surely annihilate and destroy life in many great areas of the earth. The best and only way of avoiding it is to make it impossible, by every nation using its resources so that the enemy cannot achieve any advantage."

Franco did not specify what "enemy" he referred to.

The enemy, he said, "must know that the destruction which he starts will constitute his own destruction."

He devoted almost half of his speech to comments on the

TREACHEROUS

"I call upon the Spanish people that to be carried away by natural reactions before the treacherous aggression suffered (at Imlil) and bear in mind that the Moroccan people are a simple and noble people who are repelled by disloyalty and traitorous acts."

"They had nothing to do with these irregular armed bands which are guided by political adventurers in the service of foreigners and operate to the damage and discredit of the Moroccan people."

He warned of the danger of Soviet agents in these zones (North Africa). "The fate of North Africa is closely united with that of Europe... no difference exists between the legitimate interest of North Africa and of the West." —United Press.

US Forces Spend \$416 Mil. In Japan

Tokyo, Dec. 30. United States Forces in Japan spent more than US\$416,000,000 in Japan during 1957, the US Army comptrollers office in Tokyo announced today.

He said that envoys from India had seen the Federal Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, but had not discussed arms buying.

He had heard of Israel's reported buying mission only through press reports and high West German officials had been unable to get further information.

He added that West Germany, in any case, could supply only light arms since his country was not manufacturing heavy equipment. —Reuter.

IN THE FAMILY

Chesterfield, Dec. 30. Police told a Coroner's court here today that Austin O'Driscoll gassed himself to death last week — just three days after his brother committed suicide the same way.

The Coroner ruled that Austin took his life while mentally disturbed — the same verdict passed on his brother John. —United Press.

Yemen Gives Rifles To Tribesmen

London, Dec. 30. The Yemeni authorities have distributed between 2,000 and 3,000 rifles to tribesmen of the British Aden Protectorate within the past six weeks, the Colonial Office stated here tonight.

He plans next year to explore the chain of mountains some 125 miles from the base, the spokesman added.

Quoting an announcement issued by the Aden government, the Colonial Office said the Yemenis had also detained about 200 Protectorate tribesmen as hostages "to ensure that these rifles will be used to cause disturbance in the Protectorate."

BRIBES

The statement added: "Many of the tribesmen who have received arms have done so merely from the wish to possess modern rifles."

The Yemeni authorities have now given used rifles and money for bribing tribesmen to create trouble in the Protectorate and to show that they do not want their tribal leaders.

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The Floods In Ceylon: More Food Is Air-Dropped To Victims

Colombo, Dec. 30. Food was air-dropped again today to the Manner Peninsula — now an island — on the west coast of Ceylon, and other regions isolated by the widespread floods.

But the weather remained clear for the third day after the week of cyclonic storms and the waters were receding in all parts of the island.

THE TOLL

The floods have killed at least 200 people and left 300,000 homeless.

Three more Dakotas of the Indian Air Force and another Fairchild Packet arrived today from India, with boats, engineering equipment and relief workers.

Three Indian Air Force Dakotas and two Fairchild Packets were already in Colombo taking food and supplies to various parts of the island, in conjunction with planes of the Royal Ceylon Air Force, the British R.A.F. and Air Ceylon. —Reuter.

RITZ Night Club

TO-NIGHT NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA DINNER DANCE OPEN TILL 4 A.M.

Magnificent Floor Shows

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Just after a successful tour in Australia sang before the Command Performance in Melbourne during the Olympic Games

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He dressed up his girl-friend as an admiral

WHEN Garibaldi's triumphant revolutionaries arrived in Sicily, they were amazed by the huge figure which greeted them on the dockside in Palermo. The man was dressed completely in white with an immense plumed straw-hat. With him was an even stranger figure—a small and very pretty admiral.

The man in white? Alexandre Dumas, the elder—then in his 60's.

The admiral? Alexandre's latest girl-friend, the actress Emilie Cordier, just 30 years younger than himself. She was wearing naval costume to satisfy her protector's taste for colour and romance.

Alexandre had set out with the little admiral from France in his own schooner, when he took part in Garibaldi's war, used the schooner for carrying guns and helped to drive the Bourbons from Naples.

Two years ago a short version of the extraordinary life of the elder Dumas appeared in English taken from the French of Andre Maurois.

It told how this son of a Creole general lived a life more astounding than anything in his novels (e.g., *The Three Musketeers*, *The Count of Monte Cristo*). It told how in Paris he built an immense folly, which he filled with animal and lady pets; how he would write on a dozen plays and novels at once (visitors would be offered his left hand to shake while he right scribbled on); how he claimed to be the father of perhaps 500 children; how even on his death-bed, when told that the chambermaid found him handsome, he found breath to croak: "Encourage her in that ideal!"

Now the complete version of the full Maurois book is published. It is called *THREE MUSKETEERS—A STUDY OF THE DUMAS FAMILY*. (Cape, 35s.)

It is a masterpiece of biography.

From a BOOK OF ANECDOTES (Hulton Press, 18s.)

First there is the eldest Dumas—the Creole general, admirably selected by one of the best-read men in Britain—Mr. Daniel George.

"There was an end of the bishop's speech."

Cardinal Giacomo Lercaro, 60-year-old Archbishop of Bologna, is the best-known Italian in Italy. Born in the slums of Genoa, the son of

an obscure fisherman, he has remained all his life close to the working people.

A certain bishop in the Sistine Chapel of the Vatican Palace, in a conclave to secret that the very doors to their apartment are bricked in. Together they will choose the absolute spiritual ruler of 400,000,000 people.

MORE THAN THE CHURCH WILL BE CONCERNED WHEN A SUCCESSOR TO PIUS XII MUST BE CHOSEN

Will the next Pope be a RUSSIAN?

ON March 2 Pope Pius XII will celebrate his 82nd birthday and will begin the 20th year of his pontificate. The choice of his successor—of the deepest significance to Roman Catholics and of interest to Christians everywhere—might have such wide political consequence as to compel the attention of heads of government.

A new Pope is elected by a small group of men, the Cardinals, who are the senior prelates of the Roman Catholic Church.

At full strength their number is 70, but at the moment there are only 57. Fourteen of them are permanently resident in Rome, the Pope's chief advisers.

Because his diocese has been for years under Communist control, and because of his immense prestige with the workers, and even with Communist mayors, he is popularly referred to as "Cardinal Don Camillo."

These men will assemble in the Sistine Chapel of the Vatican Palace, in a conclave to secret that the very doors to their apartment are bricked in. Together they will choose the absolute spiritual ruler of 400,000,000 people.

And whom will they choose? If they conform with tradition they will choose an Italian cardinal. It is more than 400 years since the Pope was not an Italian, and nearly 600 years since anyone was elected from outside the College of Cardinals.

Most of the Italian cardinals are already eliminated by reason of their advanced age, and of the remainder only two are really outstanding—Lercaro and Siri.

Although these two men may be regarded as the obvious favourites, it by no means follows that one of them will become Pope. There is an old Italian saying that "he who enters the Conclave as Pope usually emerges as Cardinal," another way of saying that in this particular race the favourite rarely wins.

Of the five elections during this century only one came as no surprise. In March 1939 the choice of Cardinal Pacelli was regarded by everyone as certain. He was indeed elected and became Pius XII. But the choice will be far more spectacular.

The only one

There are two other prelates who will certainly be considered, although their claims do not accord with tradition.

Not since 1378 have the Cardinals gone outside their own college to find a Pope. It could be that tradition will be broken this time.

Among the 1,500 archbishops and bishops of the Roman Catholic Church, the only one upon whom their choice could conceivably fall is Giovanni-Battista Montini, the 60-year-old Archbishop of Milan.

The close confidant of Pius XII, he was offered and declined to accept the cardinal's red hat in 1953. New appointments, however, will soon be made and Montini will be first among them. But even though he may not be cardinal at the time, and

by
HUGH DELARGY
M.P.

Cardinal Agagianian, was born near Stalin's home. Will he be the Cardinals' choice?

The Lady Mayoress gets up at 7.30 a.m.

TO TAKE THE DOG FOR HIS MORNING WALK

THE first citizeness Most of them were sent by friends," she explained. Lady Truscott, has one regret about her husband's appointment as Lord Mayor. The Mansion House, she says sadly, has no garden.

At her own home in Wimble-

ton, Lady Truscott spends most of her time gardening—"And I don't just mean picking off the dead flowers"—or playing the piano—"for my own amusement."

There are several pianos at

the Mansion House but the Lady Mayoress does not think she will have much time for making music. As London's official hostess, this tall, quiet-spoken Scotswoman—wearing a cashmere twinset, graduated pearls and no make-up when I met her—faces an endless and hectic round of social commitments. Not without some trepidation.

"I hate making speeches," she says.

ORDEALS AHEAD

In the year ahead, she will not only be sitting through several hundred of her husband's speeches—she will have to make quite a few of her own as well.

"I suppose one has to do quite a few things like that than I do," said the Lady Mayoress gracefully. "It's very nice to be so well taken care of," she added.

Still I was not surprised to find that Lady Truscott, who for all her strenuous efforts, has introduced a few simplifications into the grandeur of life at the Mansion House.

"The first thing I did was to turn off the central heating and throw open the windows. They tell me it lets in the cool, but I

hate sitting in an airless room. The curtains will just have to be cleaned when we leave."

She has also made a gesture to informality by scrapping to use the special lift.

"I like using the stairs. It's

so difficult to get any exercise in London," she explained.

EARLY RISERS

Exercising the family dog, a lively Scotch terrier, is an even greater problem. "Indeed," I found some bobby-sox nearby which he seems to like. I have to take him out early before the traffic gets moving. But fortunately we're all early risers in the family," says Lady Truscott.

This is no exaggeration. London's new Lady Mayoress is invariably up and about by 7.30.

Her three eldest daughters have jobs in London. The youngest, 14-year-old Anne, is at boarding school.

I inquired whether Lady Truscott had ordered a gala wardrobe to cope with social life on a mayoral scale.

"I've had to collect a few things, of course. But I'm not really very interested in fashion, though I think I know what suits me."

"I'm a hopeless shopper, you see," she said. "When I was living in Wimbledon I used to come up for a day's shopping and would go out for a walk feeling flushed. Then I'd suddenly ask myself: 'What does it matter?' And I'd just turn round and go straight home."

It's lucky, I thought, that Wimbledon is so near to London. So that, whenever her engagement book shows a blank, she is introduced to this most refreshing of Lady Mayoresses can turn round and go straight home.

Jocasta Innes

(London Express Service).



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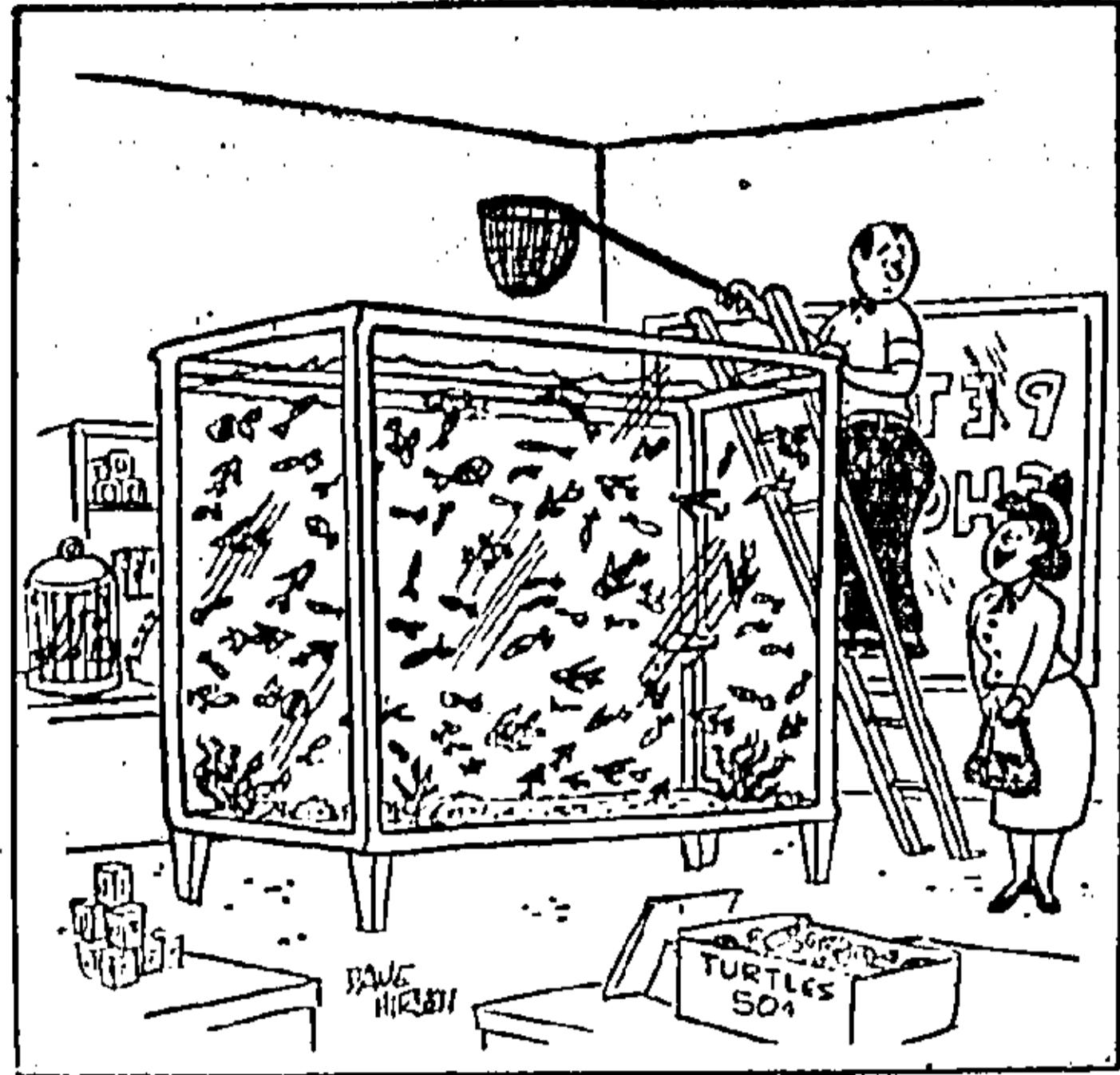
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This Funny World

• BY • THE • WAY •
by Beachcomber

SO many whales are being caught, in spite of the International Agreement, that there is danger of a serious shortage. Scientists and statisticians who know the condition of the world's waters, to eight decimal points, have sounded the alarm. The great difficulty is to know what has been taken, mainly because if the figures sent in by whaling fleets are falsified. It is also difficult to trace whales, which can travel thousands of miles in either direction. The Antarctic is said to be thronged with people carrying harpoons without licence. One man, however, arrived as he was sailing a whale home, said he had bought it at a fish shop.

Ministry of Transport inquiry

IS a dog-kennel on wheels on a zebra crossing a vehicle, and is the man driving it responsible or not? The magistrate who had to deal with this matter quoted the case of a man who, when the wheel of his car hit a zebra, allowed his feet through the gaps and walked the car down a hill, claiming that it was a boy who was in the back seat. A witness objected that nobody puts his legs through a perambulator and walks it along, and as there

YOUR BIRTHDAY ...By STELLA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

BORN on this last day of the old year, you have been bequeathed a tremendous capacity for emotional development. That gift, combined with artistic vision, you may discover that you have been touched with genius. It will be likely that you will find your happiness in a field where you are working with people. You have a magnetic quality and will easily get along with all types of persons. You men might enter politics successfully. With the proper cultivation you may receive an inheritance. The distinction, of course, lies in your capacity for achievement beyond the average. You have a great deal of initiative and the powers of analysis which make it possible for you to uncover inaccuracies and inconsistencies. And you cannot be content until you have made suggestions for correcting them. You are willing to undergo considerable trouble in order to effect this. You are, in this aspect, the true scientist. In this aspect, the true scientist, could have a field of experimental science, for you have the tenacity of purpose and the

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1958

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—This can be a pleasantly social day, either in making or receiving new friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—It takes time now to rest. Don't try to do too much. Relax tensions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—This can be a good day to long remember. Some unusual good fortune is likely to befall you in this aspect, the true scientist.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1958

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Your accomplishments will be determined by your own personal conduct.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)—Enjoy this day thoroughly. Meet friends you may not have seen for a long time. Make New Year's Eve a happy one.

CANCER (June 21-July 20)—Your life will be a happy one.

LEO (July 21-Aug. 20)—You are a leader of men and your influence is large.

VIRGO (Aug. 21-Sept. 20)—How well you will grasp the initiative and enjoy the results. It leads the procession. You also have a great deal of magnetism and personal charm, so that you will be able to sidestep others who want to challenge your position. You men might find that you are most at home in nature most completely. Others may discover that leading in the world of ideas is the best answer.

LIBRA (Sept. 21-Oct. 20)—Your ties of kin are strong, and, with your family group, you will do no wrong. You women are absolute rulers in your own homes, but your courtesy and tact are not unpleasant. Both you men and women have a strong love of nature which makes you seek out a relaxing rest, take it now, regardless.

SCORPIO (Oct. 21-Nov. 20)—You can be popular with everyone if you are the life of the party to follow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21-Dec. 20)—You are likely to be a good friend to your family and friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 21-Jan. 20)—Your life will be a happy one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Today and tomorrow are fine days for personal achievement. Set your sights on an important objective and reach it now.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Careful planning is an asset today. It's not so serious work now. Follow through with important plans already made.

GEMINI (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—You are trying to further a new scheme which you have decided will be practical. Promote it without delay.

CANCER (April 21-May 20)—Think over everything carefully before going into action and then move forward with energy and enthusiasm.

TAURUS (May 21-June 20)—Travelling salesmen are especially favoured.

LIBRA (June 21-July 20)—An inspiration grows to be a

• JACOBY
ON BRIDGE

Overtrick Is Defence Gift

By OSWALD JACOBY

SOUTH'S three no-trumps bid won the height of optimism, and when East doubled, South ran out his diamonds. East then had that also and then forgot to set the contract.

West opened the deuce of hearts. East won with the king and led his singleton trump. This was won in dummy, and jack of hearts led. East won with the ace and decided that he could afford to lead another heart. He assumed that his partner would four hearts and now no danger.

South hustled awhile and finally went up with his queen. When West dropped the ten, South was home free. One of dummy's clubs

was his dog in the kennel, the companion of that of the mobile henhouse which was parked on the wrong side of a one-way street when their wheels had come off.

Now the master rests at present, for want of one grain of common sense.

Giotto she bump!

THIS more intellectual and artistic film stars are being blamed for the increase in the number of fair maidens which are turning up everywhere. The film publicity men think it is a good thing for a girl to be seen in the company of Marlene Dietrich. The other day there was an embarrassing moment when a gossip writer discovered that Dawn Reddick, the famous actress, had the same hairstyle. Another star, who was offered a Hollywood "dealing," said, "Just adore her. I'd like to have anything you have."

Oh, I say, look here!

THE other day a mother brought her son to an old music-teacher. She said that she was convinced that he had a natural talent. The teacher said, "Yes, he has." Then, after a few moments, he taught the wash-board. "Madam," said the teacher, "I know nothing about wash-board." "Call yourself a music-teacher!" shouted the angry mother.

A witness objected that nobody puts his legs through a perambulator and walks it along, and as there

was no double of four diamonds. He could not expect to turn the contract and win, so he had to drop out.

He had an overtrick, but he didn't try to lead it. Instead he led his singleton spade and West ducked. West won dummy's king and South had made an overtrick.

I don't think much of East's double of four diamonds. He could not expect to turn the contract and win, so he had to drop out.

I think less of his defence. He really should have cashed his pair of aces to find his partner with the ace of spades.

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TOMORROW'S CHANCES AT THE VALLEY

Rosewall Likely To Lose Place In Kramer's Troupe

Melbourne, Dec. 30.

Ken Rosewall, Australia's former amateur tennis star, is likely to be dumped from Jack Kramer's professional troupe unless he comes to greatly reduced terms with the promoter. Rosewall has already been dropped from the troupe which begins its Australian tour at Brisbane next Wednesday.

John Charles Will Play For Wales In World Cup

Cardiff, Dec. 30.

Star centre forward John Charles has been released by Juventus Club of Italy to play for Wales in the two World Cup games against Israel, Welsh football selectors announced today.

The two games will be played at Tel Aviv on January 16 and at Cardiff on February 5, with the winner qualifying for the World Cup play-offs in Sweden. Charles, insured by the Welsh Football Association for £50,000 against anything that might happen to him while he is with the Welsh team, was selected to play at inside right. The centre forward position will be taken by Terry Medwin.

The Welsh team against Israel shows two changes from the side that drew with Scotland in Wales.

Charles replaces Bill Harris, and Ivor Allchurch comes in for Roy Vernon at inside left.—United Press.

Combined Services Golf Meeting

The Combined Services Golf meeting will take place at Farnham on January 8. Further details will be published in due course.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB SIXTH RACE MEETING

Wednesday 1st and Saturday 4th January 1958
(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 18 RACES.

On the 1st Day the First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon. The Tiffin Interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.).

On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road, and 382 Nathan Road only on the written introduction of a Member who will be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

The 5th Floor is restricted to Members and Ladies, wearing Lady's Brooches.

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Pay Out Booths in the Enclosures.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$30.00 each for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building (Chater Road), and 6, D'Aguilar Street during normal office hours and until 10.00 a.m. on the 1st day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 31st December, 1957 will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever under the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from Subscription Lists without stating reason for their action.

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 25th January, 1958, at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at—

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Probable Starters, Weights & Riders

Probable starters, weights and riders for tomorrow's Happy Valley race meeting are given below. This list is based on the most up-to-date information available. As an additional guide to form, the placings of the ponies in their last three starts will be found on the left hand side of their names.

12.30 p.m. Race 1 GOODWOOD HANDBICAP, Class 5, 1 Mile 171 Yards, Novices.

400 Fleetfoot (Sofronoff).... 159 lbs. Edwina (Mok)....

330 Mason (Leng).... 158 lbs. U Kung-lun (Lin)....

030 Cover Girl (Lin).... 158 lbs. Andrew (Chan)....

321 Dutch Rocket (C. P. Lam).... C. P. Lam (Lin)....

141 Enquire (S. H. Wong).... 153 lbs. Robert Lam (Lin)....

100 Madam Fortune (Pereboroff).... Horace Chan (Lin)....

000 Maximan (Pereboroff).... 156 lbs. Peter (Lin)....

441 Blue Train (Lin).... S. M. Wan (Lin)....

404 Heroin (Sofronoff).... 150 lbs. W. P. K. Ling (Lin)....

004 Million Bonus (Lin).... 150 lbs. W. M. Chen (Lin)....

422 Heyaz (Krasnopoloff).... 150 lbs. W. M. Chen (Lin)....

141 Encore (S. H. Wong).... 149 lbs. Hsu (Lin)....

234 Distant Sky (Lin).... 146 lbs. Orange Beauty (Sofronoff)....

024 Satisfaction (Lin).... 144 lbs. Edwin (Lin)....

100 Human Hero (Sofronoff).... 141 lbs. Ringo (Lin)....

020 First Edition (Shiu).... 138 lbs. Sonny Shum (Lin)....

Possible Acceptors: Winona Touch, Na Pazi, Strathvchr, Tal Ping Shim, Wing Hang.

*5 lbs. allowance for "Maiden Novice".

12.30 p.m. Race 2 WINCANTON HANDBICAP, Class 5, 1 Mile 171 Yards, Novices.

021 Applause (Krasnopoloff).... 160 lbs. Ringo (Lin)....

000 Strathpfeffer (Hou).... 157 lbs. Andrew Lam (Lin)....

044 Star Rider (Sofronoff).... 154 lbs. G. W. Wong (Lin)....

010 So Big (S. H. Wong).... 151 lbs. Chin Kit (Lin)....

014 Armament (Shiu).... 150 lbs. Hsu (Lin)....

000 Snowy (Noodi).... 145 lbs. Chuang (Lin)....

003 Comet (Pereboroff).... 145 lbs. Kwok (Lin)....

001 Sabrina (Tokmokoff).... Wel (Lin)....

000 Man on (Sofronoff).... 135 lbs. Robert Lam (Lin)....

003 My Pal (S. H. Wong).... Tast (Lin)....

006 The Kangaroo (Metrevoill).... 135 lbs. Alex Lam (Lin)....

Possible Acceptors: Ishana, King Santa Maria, Hyakumon, Vendetta, Brilliance, Nostie Gir.

1.00 p.m. Race 3 THIRSK HANDBICAP (1st Section), 1 Mile, Class 7.

330 Iliam C (Leskoff).... 156 lbs. Robert Lam (Lin)....

100 Alex's Gift (Rockey).... 156 lbs. Alex Lam (Lin)....

100 Dutch Courage (Chew).... 154 lbs. G. W. Wong (Lin)....

023 Tonyber (Krasnopoloff).... 151 lbs. Alan Chan (Lin)....

002 Diamond Lili (Lin).... 150 lbs. Andrew Chan (Lin)....

003 Gay Minstrel (Krasnopoloff).... 150 lbs. Peter (Lin)....

009 Marvelous (Bokelopoff).... 150 lbs. Tora (Lin)....

000 Sunrise (Tokmokoff).... 150 lbs. Wei (Lin)....

101 Marlene (A. S. Wong).... 149 lbs. Pao Kwei (Lin)....

000 New Delhi (Lin).... 149 lbs. Albert Lam (Lin)....

000 Ngan Loon (Lin).... 145 lbs. C. A. Wong (Lin)....

001 Tamlerine (Sofronoff).... 143 lbs. Hung (Lin)....

Possible Acceptors: Violet Ray, Squadron Leader, Jet Cn. Super Master.

1.00 p.m. Race 4 HEXHAM HANDBICAP, Class 5, 1 Mile, Class 7.

020 Silver Dahlia (Pereboroff).... 157 lbs. Robert Lam (Lin)....

000 Hawaiian Moon (Lin).... 154 lbs. Plumbly (Lin)....

403 Easy Money (Sofronoff).... 150 lbs. C. Y. Wong (Lin)....

000 Hurry On (Lin).... 152 lbs. Sonny Shum (Lin)....

433 Tell-me-more (Pereboroff).... 150 lbs. Tora (Lin)....

044 Free Kick (Bokelopoff).... 140 lbs. Wei (Lin)....

000 Hiawatha (Rodney).... 137 lbs. Andrew Lam (Lin)....

000 Chukupum (Metrevoill).... 136 lbs. Samard (Lin)....

104 Not So Bad (Metrevoill).... 141 lbs. W. M. Chan (Lin)....

000 Air Power (Ng).... 145 lbs. Sam Chow (Lin)....

000 Free Kick (Bokelopoff).... 140 lbs. Robert Lam (Lin)....

000 Possible Acceptors: Lombard, Invincible, Prince Dahlia.

3.00 p.m. Race 5 CURRAGH HANDBICAP (1st Section), 1 Mile, Class 4.

021 Full Ahead (Tokmokoff).... 151 lbs. G. W. Wong (Lin)....

011 Gambitita (Tokmokoff).... 151 lbs. Kwok (Lin)....

002 Ali Gay (Pereboroff).... 154 lbs. C. Y. Wong (Lin)....

400 Diana (Metrevoill).... 154 lbs. Wei (Lin)....

000 Outsider (S. H. Wong).... 149 lbs. Samard (Lin)....

000 Burning Arrow (Chew).... 150 lbs. Ng (Lin)....

000 Scarlet (Noodi).... 150 lbs. Ng (Lin)....

010 Ol' Leo (Princess).... 150 lbs. C. Y. Wong (Lin)....

000 Amusement (Sofronoff).... 145 lbs. C. Y. Wong (Lin)....

044 Beautiful Lili (A. S. Wong).... 145 lbs. C. Y. Wong (Lin)....

020 How Do I Know (Noodi).... 145 lbs. C. Y. Wong (Lin)....

000 The Cherub (Bokelopoff).... 140 lbs. Tast (Lin)....

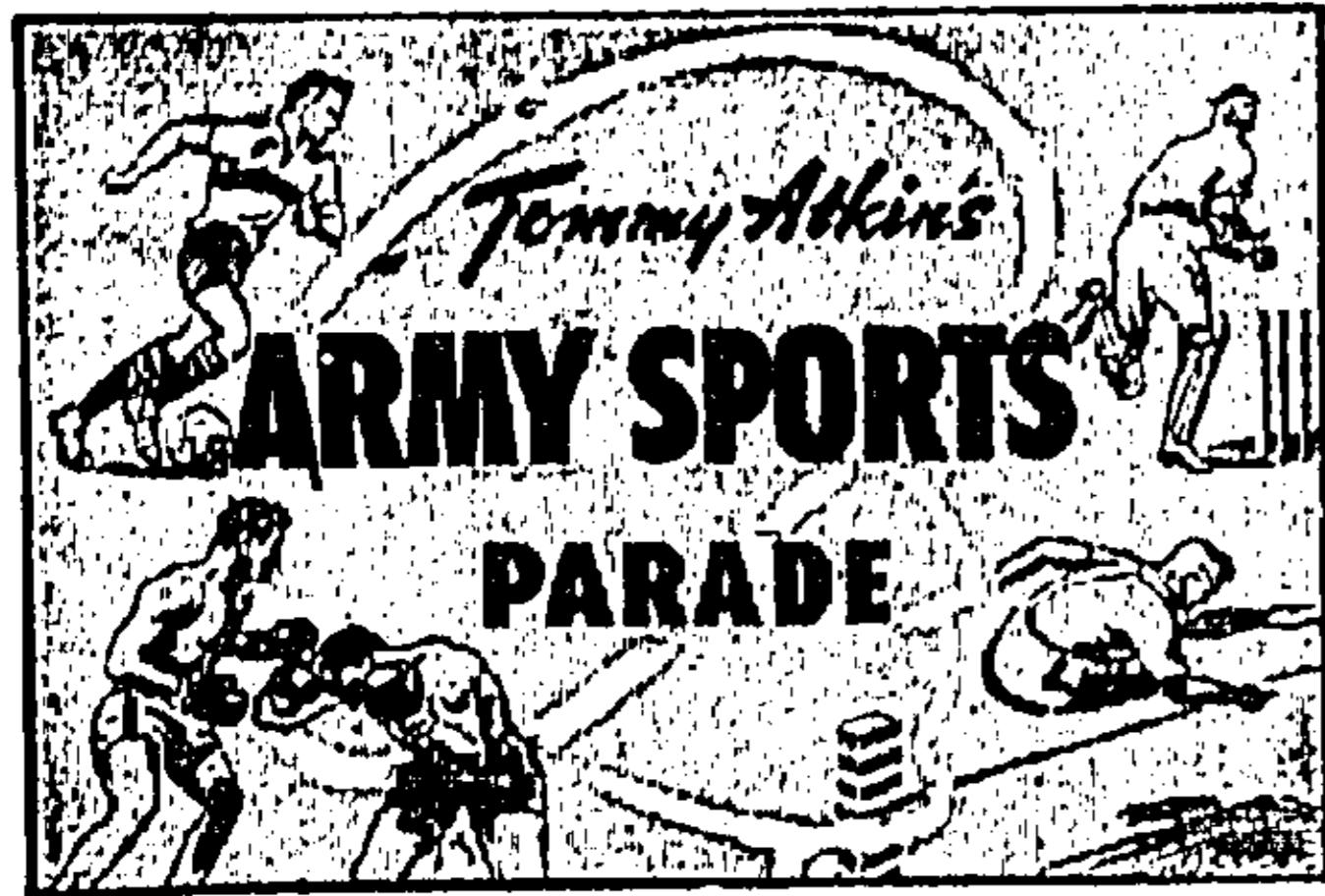
Possible Acceptors: Toll Me Tonight, Princess Ellen.

3.00 p.m. Race 10 CURREAGH HANDBICAP (First Section), 1½ Miles, Class 5.

021 Full Ahead (Tokmokoff).... 151 lbs. G. W. Wong (Lin)....

011 Gambitita (Tokmokoff).... 151 lbs. Kwok (Lin)....

002 Ali Gay (Pereboroff).... 154 lbs. C. Y. Wong (Lin)....



The spotlight this week features the teams of the Hongkong Signal Rgt. and 1 East Lancashire Rgt., who in the semi-final of the Major Units KO competition displayed hockey and sportsmanship above the average.

In a match which looked as if a draw would be the outcome, the Signals snatched the winning goal seconds from the final whistle to enter the last stage of this tournament, and advance one step nearer the honour of representing Hongkong in the triangular series with Singapore and Malaya Commands which will be held here during March.

Many times during the play I felt that this game should have been a draw, so evenly were the teams matched, and so hard did each of them strive to gain the mastery.

The Infantrymen opened up in fine style and pinned Signals in their own half for the first ten minutes, but in a breakaway down the right wing centre-forward Hawkins awaited a cross and when it came he placed the ball neatly between the posts for first blood to Signals.

Narrow Escapes

End to end play continued and both goals had narrow escapes until Higginbottom, the Lanes most dangerous forward, did a little stick wizardry, a spot of football and "presto" the ball twisted lazily into the back boards with the Signals defence quite dazed by such juggling.

Half time arrived without further score and the second period saw the Signal Rgt. coming more into the picture and two misses on an inviting open goal remain in my memory.

Sullivan in the Lanes goal made several excellent saves and as time ticked by a draw became the accepted result.

In a last attacking effort, however, right winger Warren received the ball, made a dazzling run, beating three defenders in the process, and crossed it in the perfect centre for Hawkins to score.

For the winners a grand game by skipper Major Jim Webber, plus the marks of the two goals by Capt. Warden, not forgetting a splendid display by right-half Art Howie.

Drum Major Higginbottom for the losers showed great skill with his stick work, and captain and inside left Capt. Frier ran himself into the ground encouraging his side by his splendid example.

Altogether a really first class game, worthy of having a "final" label there had to be a loser.

The teams:

Hongkong Signal Regiment—Sgt. Ross; Sgt. Cave, S/Sgt. Ryton; Sgt. Howie, Capt. Bullard, Capt. Perry; Cpl. Warren; Major Webber, Capt. Hawkins, Cpl. Archer, Sgt. McGehee.

1 East Lancashire Regiment—Pte. Sullivan; Sgt. Hayes, Sgt. Conlin; Lieut. Cunningham, Sgt. Major Welsh, Bdm. Fairclough; 2/Lieut. Pratt, Sgt. Sexton, d/Major Higginbottom, Capt. Frier, Sgt. Keir.

Cricket Victory

Congratulations to Army cricketers for defeating HKCC by two wickets in the triangular tournament held at the Chater Road ground on Boxing Day.

Despite the handicap of a "good cheer" Pte. Paul Rocca, 1 East Lancashire Rgt., excelled himself and, not content with an excellent analysis of six wickets for 40 runs, went out later with the bat and rattled up a sterling 39, and added by a 33 from Capt. David Woodhead, and 31 from Capt. Peter Tidley, during the coming year.

TANK REGIMENT DOWN 74 LAA IN INTER-UNIT RUGBY SEMI-FINALS

By "PAK LO"

Yesterday afternoon the Army held their Inter Unit semi-finals at Boundary Street, where the 1 Royal Tank Regiment beat the 74 LAA in the first encounter by 9 points (1 try, 2 penalty goals) to 3 points (1 penalty goal) in a scrappy match.

In the second game 24th Field Regt proved themselves much the better XV when they overcame the Green Howards by 11 points (1 goal, 2 tries) to 6 points (2 penalty goals) after they had trailed the Green Howards by 5 points to 6 at half time.

In the first game there was little to cheer about. Handling and tackling on both sides was weak, and while the Gunners took the ball, the tanks returned. The tanks took over in the lineouts and the loose. Both teams seemed to have forgotten that the first unwritten law of rugby is to handle the ball, for they continually kicked all over the place.

With the New Year the final stage of the Minor Units Cricket League will occupy the first week, to be followed by a 13 team entry into the Inter-Service Major Unit KO competition and an even better response for the similar Minor Unit tournament, where 18 units are confident of winning the award.

As the bulk of the large number of preliminary games will be played of necessity on civilian grounds, now is the time to say a very sincere "Thank you!" to the Craygower and Kowloon Cricket Clubs, the Indian Recreation Club and Club de Recreio for the ever generous facilities they offer the Services by giving us the freedom of their pitches and making it possible to run these two competitions, involving 30 games, within a reasonable period.

I find it almost impossible to forecast the preliminary rounds of either competitions as in the Major event only a few friendly matches have been played, insufficient to really get a line on the respective playing strengths, and in the Minor Units so many teams have entered which were not in the League competition that again current form is not to hand.

Attractive Draw

In the Senior Division, however, the first round draw looks particularly attractive. At Boundary Street the RAMC, a strong combination, should carry too much weight for the Combined Gurkha team, while Sookunpoor and the spurs should be where REME meet RAF Sal Wan where the craft of the Craftsman should win the day.

I am sure that 1 East Lancashire Rgt. will journey to Kai Tak and defeat the Station team, and, having invaded HMS "Tamar" to journey so far inland, 49 Field Rgt RA may catch the Sailors "high and dry" when they meet at Shek Kong, 1/RTR, RAOC, and 1 Green Howards have drawn byes and will face three of the winning first round teams in the next stage.

In the Minor Units competition a preliminary round has been necessary and two very attractive matches are scheduled. 79 Coy, RASC and 1 Inf. Workshops REME should be a most tense affair, both units having very good XIs, while 161 Battery and Command Pay Office can produce some good cricket.

Having made up his mind to kick for touch, he always ran across field towards the touch line before kicking the ball. As a result he narrowed his angle, and many of his kicks gained no ground whatsoever. Had he kicked the moment he got the ball the 24th would have camped steadily on the Green Howards 25. In the Green Howards, Goulds was the best of the threes, while Green

put on pressure, but all too often when they had the Engineers defence spread all to stand out was Hill, who despite his damaged hand was always in the centre of things and next to Wynn did the most for his side.

The Green Howards opened the scoring with a penalty conversion by Green in the 12 minute. Eight minutes later there was a serum on the Green Howards 25 and the Engineers heeled. The ball went across the three to Hardwick who crossed the line and touched down. Horton converted to make it 5-3 for the Engineers.

Green with another penalty conversion took back the lead for the Green Howards, making it 6-5. Just before half time

Engineers nearly went ahead again when a forward rush to play to within 10 yards of the Green Howards line where there was a serum and the 24th Field heeled and went blind and Dykes was just tackled into the corner post before he could touch down.

The Gunners attacked for only a couple of minutes, until they too were penalised, a good 35 yards out, and Leppard with a fine kick levelled the score.

Despite a strong Tank attack in the closing 10 minutes of the first half there was no further scoring. Half way through the second half the ball came out of a loose maul close to the Gunners' line and as it went over Kill-Jones dropped on it to score. The conversion was missed, 6-3.

Right on time Leppard settled the matter with a lovely penalty conversion from about 10 yards inside the half way line, 9-3.

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The result was definitely

on the attack in the second

half and as the Green Howards

fumbled the Engineers' three

swept upfield, but a dropped

pass robbed them momentarily

of a score.

The resulting serum became a loose maul, and the ball was hacked over the Green Howards' line and Wilson dived on it to give the Engineers the lead by two points, 8-6, as Horton missed the conversion.

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H. KING WOOD REPORTS IN OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER: THE MURDER AND THE GREAT MANHUNT FOR TWO

IT has been another week of searing heat, of widespread bushfires, of brutal murder in Australia's dead heart—the driest year for 69, and to make it all sound ridiculous, record snow sports at Kosciusko.

One of the greatest manhunts in history, by police of all States, by a dozen or more light aircraft owned by graziers in the wide open outback and helped by the latest planes of the RAAF, has been going on for a car speaks somewhere in the thousands of miles' outback.

In this car are two people whom police think may be able to tell them something of the murder of a woman, her daughter and a young man, a fortnight ago, as they drove down the lonely road to Adelaide.

CONTRIBUTED

Never have so many people from so many walks of life contributed so much in such a short time as has poured into the valorous Bushfire Relief funds throughout the Commonwealth. So great has been the flood of money from school children, from the blind, from old-age pensioners and from the man who rides in the tram and train, that the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman Jensen, has appealed for a halt in the flow of donations.

In less than a fortnight since a blower swept through the Blue Mountains, nearly £100,000 has been subscribed—far more than enough to aid all those who need it.

The Opera House Lottery has been selling like hot cakes—firstly, for a record sale on

Friday, 13th, and then for that it will still be the country's second biggest clip.

The record sales year (not clip) was the boom of 1950 when wool brought more than £500 million. The second record year—and record clip—was last year, when wool realised approximately £490 million.

This year with prices slumping and the clip 6% per cent less than last year, the wool cheque is likely to be £370 million.

On the other hand, most other exports are on the rise with wool output the greatest in history; with record trade figures each month so far this year, that there is every hope that June will see these figures not only as high as Canberra is forecasting.

The State Government must, doubtless, be kidding itself for not thinking before of a tax on inland anglers. This is a new thought up by the Taxation Department and comes into operation on January 1.

Each angler fishing in inland streams will have to pay £1 licence fee after that date and the State Government estimates that this will return to its Treasury at least £100,000 per year.

MISGIVINGS

The year will close with some misgivings about the balance of financial trade in the next half of the financial year following in estimated fall of £120 million this year in the wool cheque.

While this fall might seem bad in the eyes of graziers who will not have it to spend, and to Treasury officials who will not have it to budget against exports, it should be remembered

that the year will end with a loss of £54,000.

SNOWY RIVER

Whatever else may be said about Japan, it must be conceded that she is making a desperate effort to rehabilitate herself and to find outlets for her undoubtedly energies.

She is now making a strong bid for a share of the construction of the Snowy River Hydro Electric Scheme.

Ton Japanese engineers have flown into Sydney to inspect the Scheme and they are interested in a contract which may be worth more than £23 million sterling.

They represent a company that is interested in the construction of an underground power station and pressure tunnel.

At present United States companies hold major contracts for Snowy Scheme works, but it is known that the Australian authorities have a high regard for Japanese electrical equipment.

TRAVEL YEAR

It looks like "Operation Travel" for quite a number of VIPs next year. The Premier, Mr. Cahill, is to go to United States to help establish the State Government's new Trading Office there.

Actually, nobody will begrudge the Premier a trip away because he must be one of the very few heads of Government in this country who has not left his shores during his term of office, which has extended five years or more.

The Lord Mayor, Ald. Jensen, is likely to visit Israel and several points north, south, east and west. He has been invited to visit Israel by the Israeli Government to attend the country's 10th anniversary which begins on April 24.

The National Secretary of the Federated Ironworkers' Association, Mr. Laurrie Short, is to fly to United States to explain—of all things—long service leave to American steel workers.

He will attend a series of conferences in Washington with the American Steelworkers' Union which has nearly 1½ million members.

Laurrie Short, one of Australia's well-known moderate Trade Union leaders, has been invited to America by the President of the Steelworkers' Union, Mr. McDonald.

PINK-TINTED

HMAS Quiberon, which joined the Australian fleet as a submarine killer last week is a trim steel grey colour from waterline to mast-top on the outside, but inside she is just a riot of colour.

Hatch covers are a bright blue, the companionways are yellow, the huge pipes that run throughout the ship are a variety of reds and greens; in the seamen's mess the bulkheads are a mushroom pink; stores like their showers are a pink-tinted bathroom and the cooks have daffodil yellow curtains on their internal port-holes.

Even the well-scrubbed deck has gone and a surf-green line laid.

Gulberson's young skipper, Commander L. M. Ponson, said: "Colour is being used everywhere you look ashore to make living brighter, so why not on board ship? After all that is the sailor's home!"

Book Reviews

By J.L.

Deadline Every Minute—
Joe Alex Morris

Few people who glance idly through their newspaper on the way to and from work give much thought as to how it got put together. They do not seem to think it wonderful that on one page of print, there are items gleaned in places far apart as Wigton and Wugga Wugga, and Mayfair and Missouri.

They never stop to think that for the journalist, there is no such thing as night and day, dawn and dusk. Yet such is the case, for the newspaperman is ruled by neither sun nor clock, but by a Deadline. The time his news item has to be pushed on the Editor's desk, while the whole machinery of the business is waiting for that few inches of copy.

In a matter of seconds, that hastily assembled news item is so much lead typing revolving rapidly as it links the words you are reading now, and thrusts them out in a cascade of newspaperprint.

Such is the subject of a fascinating book telling the story of the United Press, and its fifty years of news service.

"Deadline Every Minute" is a fascinating story of this agency which was formed in the year 1907. The author Joe Alex Morris tells of the achievements of the U.P. in its own brilliant manner.

Mr. Morris knows the game, loves the game, and plays the game with all the devotion and skill a real newspaperman possesses.

Reading the book is like sitting in the newsroom just as a big story is about to break. You get all the thrills of the intense moment as some reporter at the other end of the earth begins to feed in a scoop.

Lindbergh's flight, the induction

of King Edward VII, the

Wall Street Crash, and Ch

ernobyl's trip with his hat in his hand to meet Hitler. These were his successes. They had all to be wired in for New York's to read at the breakfast table, or to get the afternoon Edition in Hongkong.

"Deadline Every Minute" is not only a journalist's reading, good although it is in the sense that it is steeped in the newspaper atmosphere, but it is packed with excitement, historical insight, and good reading for the man in the street who likes a well written book about an interesting subject. Get it and become enthralled about the way newsmen seek unremittingly for news to fill your paper.

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Modal Rules For A Welfare Benefit Fund—HK Labour Department

ONE of the neatest pamphlets to come into this office for review has been drawn up by the Hongkong Labour Department, and issued in their Trade Union Education Series.

It is not going too far to suggest that one or two other departments have a look at it, for as a piece of writing, it possesses all the qualities good writing should possess. It is concise, clear, and straight to the point.

Its object is addressed to that side of trade unionism which deals with welfare.

Many people who are interested about this particular aspect of welfare work are aware that whatever good qualities our local trades unions might possess, there is a lot left to be desired on the subject of sickness, accident, and death benefit funds.

Most of them work in a slapdash way, so that should a member fall on foul times and in need of assistance, the best that can be done is to have a collection for him, and the sum contributed rests upon how much his fellows are able, or feel inclined to give at that particular moment.

From there, the pamphlet pro-

ceeds to point out how a Bene-

fit Fund should not be run in

such a loose manner, and then follows a set of model rules.

An aspect of the pamphlet which must appeal to even the most jealous or rigid trade union official is the conclusion on page 19. Here the Trade Union Department offers advice, and it is forced upon anyone. There is no "we don't care" attitude about the whole thing. The mood of the document is, this has been tried and it works, why don't you try it?

Government documents are noted for their rigid style, uncompromising dullness, and, it is regretted, often pompous approach. Not this one. "Modal Rules for a Welfare Benefit Fund" is as inviting as its neat blue cover.

US Denies Report

Washington, Dec. 30.

The American State Department today categorically denied the United States had put pressure on West Germany to make it cancel orders for British planes and order American aircraft instead.

TWO DRAMAS AND A COMEDY



Diana Dors and Rod Steiger co-star in RKO Radio's tense drama, "The Unholy Wife," which opens tomorrow at Roxy and Broadway.

that they are actors and not just screen personalities. "Sweet Smell of Success" provides the opportunity, for we see Lancaster, the powerful columnist, destroy reputations without a qualm, aided by Curtis, an ingratiating press agent.

This film will provide a complete change from anything that has been shown over the holidays, and I recommend it on that account.

★ ★ ★

"JUST MY LUCK," which comes to the Lee and Astor tomorrow is Norman Wisdom's latest sparkling comedy. Whatever opinion you might have of his particular form of comedy role, there is no getting away from the fact that he is number one box office.

His last picture to be shown in Hongkong went down surprisingly well. I say surprising, for his is a type of humour that is definitely homely, although the action of "Just My Luck" will appeal to all the local fans. Reuben, it shows what happens when you win a packet.

You will find a vastly improved Norman in this film, and he is really funny as he raids the family money box, and unknown to himself, intending to place an ordinary bet, he goes in for a fantastic "accumulator."

Also starring in the film is Margaret Rutherford as an eccentric millionaire and Jill Dixon as the girl of Norman's dreams. She is also the cause of his rash rebellion against home authority, and his flutter on the horses.

A crazy comedy, a fantastic "accumulator," the excitement of which will be appreciated by every horse player for miles around, this Wisdom feature is his best yet.

RADIO Hongkong

5.30 p.m., Not for Square, 6. Time Signals, News and Home News from Britain, 6.15, Scottish Music Band, 6.30, Weather Report, 6.45, "What You Found", presented by John Wallace, 6.50, News from New Zealand, 7.15, Anna Russell gives A Survey of Singing from Madrigals to Modern Operatic Repertoire, 7.30, The Governor—Edified, Recorded Version: 8.15, "Take It From Here", 8.45, Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians, 9.15, "Good Night", 9.30, "Time Signal", News and Home News from Britain, 9.45, Scottish Music Band, 10.00, "What You Found", presented by John Wallace, 10.15, Song Hits from Theatres—Mantovani and Orchestra, 10.30, "Time Signal", 11.15, Out and About: A New Year's Eve Round-up, 11.30, New Year's Eve Special, 12.15, "Time Signal", 12.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

3 p.m., Musical Matinee: 3.30, A Programme of Popular Music featuring the "Gentlemen" 4.30, "A Programme of Popular Songs featuring Font Harper and Frank Sinatra; 5.15, "The Story of Madrigals to Modern Operatic Repertoire", by Anna Russell, 6.30, Progressive Jazz-Music in the Modern Manner Presented by Ray Charles, 7.15, "The Story of the Scottish Bagpipe", 7.30, "The Story of the Scottish Fiddle", 8.15, "Madrigals to Modern Operatic Repertoire", by Anna Russell, 9.15, "The Story of the Scottish Fiddle", 10.15, "The Story of the Scottish Bagpipe", 11.15, "Out and About: A New Year's Eve Round-up", 12.30, Close Down.

TELEVISION

5 p.m., Children's Hour, "Cartoon"; 6.15, Children's Film, 6.30, Circus, 6.45, Close Down, 6.45, "Frogs", 7.30 p.m., "Adventures in Cooking", Conducted by John Raitt, 7.45, Studio Production, 8.15, "Track-Talk" for Tomorrow's Racers, 7.30, Evening Serenade, 8.15, "A Personality Parade", 8.30, "Circus", 8.45, "The Story of the Circus", 9.15, "The Story of the Circus", 10.15, "Close Down".

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

This Is The Time Of The Year For Optimism Britain Waking Up To Its Errors

What Lies Ahead In The New Year?

By RONALD BOXALL

London, Dec. 30.
People like being told what they want to hear, and what they want to hear at this time of the year is that things are going to be better.

The man in the city would be happier for hearing that the bank rate will be reduced before the New Year was very old. The small businessman would go about his job with an easier mind if he were told that his bank manager will soon change his mind about that over-draft.

The man in the street would certainly face the future with a lighter heart if someone he trusted were to tell him that prices will be lower in 1958.

I am no old Moore, so I am not going to say these things. Nor am I going to say that they are mere wishful thinking. What I do say—and confidently—is that the headline-making events of 1958 will, as always, steal all the attention and the important things will go unnoticed.

The outstanding event of 1957 was the two per cent rise in the bank rate in the middle of September. To most people it came as a big surprise. What led up to it was a complete mystery to nine out of ten.

BIG NEWS

When the bank rate goes down, it will again be big news. The same nine people out of ten will have no idea why. But they will feel easier in their minds in a vague sort of way, (and that is the only day-to-day forecast I am going to throw myself).

All this is not—I hope—post-Christmas rambling. It has a point, and that is that in 1958, as in every year, people will judge the progress of events by the news that makes headlines. What they don't know they won't worry about. And so they will know what—but not why.

Take the year that is just ending. Within the field that we are discussing, most people would say that the bank rate increase was the most important event.

It certainly made the biggest news, but that isn't the thing. In my opinion the most important thing in 1957 was that money incomes continued to rise faster than output. Inevitably home production costs rose and these higher costs wiped out the benefit we ought to have had from a steep fall in import prices.

So instead of falling, prices continued to rise. And everything else flowed from that fact.

LOWER

When world commodity prices fall by ten per cent in a year, but the cost of living in Britain goes on rising—that is important.

Between June and October, the price of Britain's food imports fell seven per cent. Retail prices of food fell only two per cent. In October, the same imports were eight per cent cheaper than at the beginning of the year. The cost of food in the shops was three per cent dearer.

In that month too the prices of British manufactured articles were higher than at the beginning of the year. But the prices of most of the imported materials in those articles were in a good deal lower.

In October, compared with a year earlier, copper was 34 per cent cheaper, lead 26 per cent cheaper, zinc 28 per cent cheaper. And the cost of bringing it to Britain in ships was only about a half of what it had been 12 months earlier.

But the prices of some things that go into manufactured articles went up—things that are produced in Britain like iron and steel and transport. So in spite of falling import prices, output prices of manufactured articles rose in the year to

London Foreign Exchange

London, Dec. 30.

Closing rates were:

New York	2.40/-	-2.00/-
Montreal	2.75/-	-2.70/-
Amsterdam	1.30/-	-1.12/-
Copenhagen	1.03/-	-1.04/-
Frankfurt	1.11/-	-1.12/-
Paris	2.00/-	-2.00/-
Stockholm	1.17/-	-1.17/-
	1.40/-	-1.40/-
United Press		

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New York, Dec. 30.

Closing rates were:

Canada	1.03/-
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NAMESAKES

Answers—1 Musical; 2 Radio, 3 Expression 4 Jovial, 5 Prodigies, 6 Finale, 7 Fantasy, 8 Entertainers, Max Jeffa.

NEW YORK RUBBER MARKET

New York, Dec. 30.
Rox rubber futures today closed 30 lower to 5 points higher with sales of 57 contracts.

Jan. 20/30; Mar. 20/30; May 20/30; July 20/30; Sept. 20/30; Nov. 20/30;

Standard contract closed 30 lower to 5 points higher with no sales reported.

Jan. 20/30; Mar. 20/30; May 20/30; July 20/30; Sept. 20/30; Nov. 20/30;

Prices ended with the lower London market and some year-end tax selling. Brokers reported a fair amount of shipment offerings were unsold in face of consumer indifference before the New Year. Inter-dealer switching of January-March contracts at 10 points difference provided another trading feature. Spot No. 1 Rox was quoted at 29.10 cents nominal.

Curtailed of automobile production, as a result of unsatisfactory sales of 1957 cars, has not exerted much effect on the rubber market, comments the Commodity Research Bureau.

The prospect for a lower rubber demand from the auto trade has been offset by the heightened tension in Indonesia and increased doubts as to the maintenance of production and shipments from that major producer, the CRB comment added.

SINGAPORE
The market opened lower in sympathy with overseas but steadied during the day on short covering and some overseas enquiry.

Demand for lower sheets and rolls was small but offerings were scarce and high priced.

Futures: No. 1 rubber per lb. Jan. 83½-83¾; Feb. 83½-83¾; No. 2 rubber per lb. Jan. 81½-81¾; No. 3 " 81½-81¾; Spot rubber unblended ... 83½-83¾; Blanket crepe ... 83-87; No. 1 pale crepe ... 83-87

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This, of course, is not the whole story. I have omitted the most important cost factor of all—the cost of labour.

Money incomes of which wages are by far the biggest ingredient rose in the first half of the year by five per cent. The total output of goods and services rose by only two per cent. Hence, home costs per unit of output rose by about two per cent.

And since labour is the biggest item in production costs, this was more than sufficient to offset the fall in world commodity prices.

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The market finished lower despite its recovery from the lowest levels. The decline is the continuation of one that began late on Friday.

Zinc fell more than 2 points, Barax more than 3 among the wider losses.

Volume was the heaviest session since Oct. 24, totalling 3,760,000 shares, compared with 2,920,000 on Friday.

Industrials averaged 431.78, off 1.12; rails 99.05, off 1.34; 65 stocks 144.69, off 0.59. The utility average closed 0.01 higher at 68.06, reflecting chiefly a point in Consolidated Natural Gas.

American Exchange sales rose 1,770,000 shares from 1,020,000 shares on Friday, and was the highest since Oct. 22 when 1,880 share changed hands.

Bond volume amounted to \$5,020,000 against 5,740,000 on Friday.

Pow-Jones closing averages were:

20 industrials ... 431.78

20 rails ... 99.05

13 utilities ... 68.06

63 stocks ... 144.69

10 bonds ... 157.54

Comin. future price index ... 150.02

—United Press.

New York, Dec. 30.

The stock market closed mixed on very light trading as the old year neared its end.

Gilt-edged securities advanced fractionally on selective buying reflecting the improved position of sterling.

Gold shares closed higher. Copper shares ended despite higher prices for the metal.

Department store issues rallied in response to cheery Christmas sales reports. Other industrials were mostly unchanged.

Oil issues drifted lower led by Royal Dutch which lost five shillings.

Foreign bonds turned in a good showing with overseas demand giving a strong tone to Far Eastern items.

Dollar stocks were lower. —United Press.

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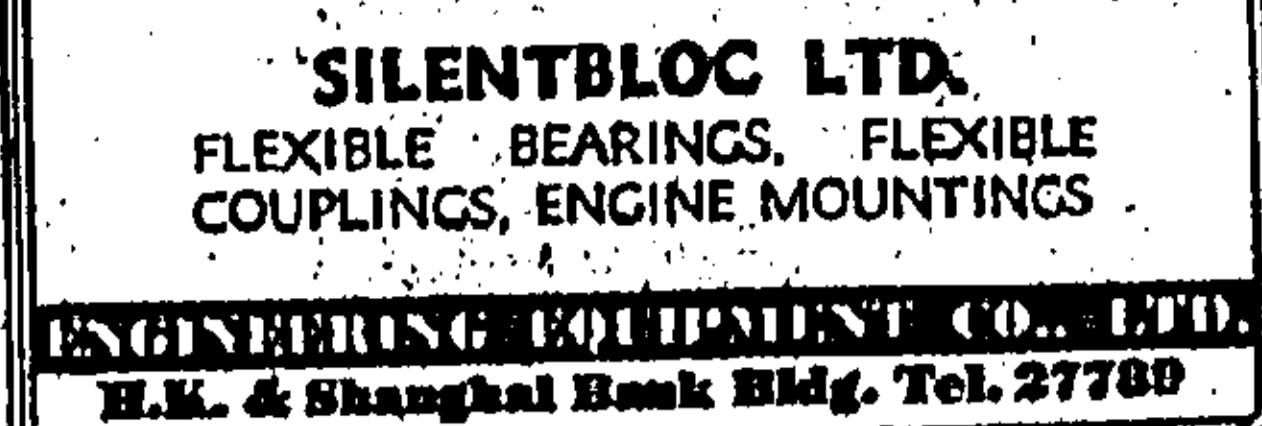
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1957.

Armed Revolt In Celebes

SIX KILLED IN GUN BATTLE

Santiago, Dec. 30. Six persons were killed and three others were wounded in a running gun battle between members of rival labour groups last night.

The battle started with the assassination of Felipe Neiva, 69, Vice-President of the pro-government National Maritime Federation, by a group of opposition labour leaders.

Neiva was blasted down when he arrived to the front door of his home from the dining room where he has been having dinner with his family.

Neiva's son Pedro, other relatives and union followers started a canvass of opposition leaders' homes, seeking out the assailants. The search ended in the stevedores' local union where the two groups shot it out after various exchanges of gunfire during the house searches.

IN ADDITION

Killed in addition to Neiva were five of the attackers, three of them identified as Communists and two as members of Fidel Castro's "July 26th Revolutionary Movement."

Eusebio Muñoz, head of the two-million-member Cuban Labour Confederation, described Neiva as a militant anti-Communist and one of the original founders in 1930 of the Cuban Labour Confederation.—United Press.

RARE SEA SHELL FOUND

Manila, Dec. 31. One of the world's rarest sea shells, the *Conus Gloria Maris* (Glory of the Sea) was recently found in waters off Corregidor Island, Manila Bay, the Manila Daily Bulletin reported today.

The paper said it was the first specimen of the kind found in the 20th Century and is the only known adult specimen in the Philippines.

There are only 23 known specimens of the *Conus Gloria Maris*, the Bulletin added. Most of them are housed in museums and private collections in Europe and the United States.

The local specimen, it is reported, is worth more than US\$1,000 and is now in the hands of a Filipino collector.—France-Press.

DUTCH FIRMS CARRY ON TRADING

Djakarta, Dec. 30. Villagers were staging armed revolt against the dissident north and central Celebes regime, the news agency Antara reported today.

The agency said 2,000 people, including civil servants and soldiers, fled to the woods in the region.

Observers in Djakarta said this was the third recent report of strife in the rich spice and copra producing east Indonesian island group.

Domestic news agency reports earlier told of fanatic Darul Islam bandits plundering the rich farmland in south Celebes and in Macassar nine persons were killed when shooting broke out between two army units.

Opposition

The Antara report said there had been increasing opposition to the "universal struggle" movement proclaimed in March by the rebellious Lieutenant-Colonel Venjie Sumual.

Colonel Sumual then established a semi-autonomous regime controlling foreign trade within the sanctorum of the Central Government.

Antara said that people recently complained they were maltreated under this regime and that their livestock were taken without compensation on the pretext of being used for "local development."

Antara said the people were grouping in forces to launch an armed opposition.

Exchanged Shots

The refugees and the regime's army had exchanged shots earlier this month, but the number of victims was yet unknown.

In another dispatch Antara said its correspondent had reported that Dutch firms and ships in north and central Celebes were continuing their business without military control.

The agency correspondent said that "not one Dutch firm has been transferred from employers to labourers. The local military administrator has not even issued any regulation outlining the extent of control over the Dutch enterprises."

Antara said that ships of the KPM Royal Dutch Inter-Island company—which the Central Government in Djakarta placed under State control—were even carrying on local, coastal and overseas trade.—Reuter.

Philippine Cabinet Reshuffled

Manila, Dec. 31. President Carlos Garcia wasted no time after the presidential inauguration yesterday in starting the revamping of his Cabinet when he named Governor Juan Papo as his executive secretary.

Papo is Governor of Bohol, Garcia's home province in the Central Philippines. Papo replaces Fortunato de Leon who was named to the post by the late President Ramon Magsaysay.

Garcia is also expected shortly to announce replacements for three Cabinet members who have indicated their desire to return to private life.

They are the Education Secretary, Manuel Lim, the Health Secretary, Paulino Garcia, and the Justice Secretary, Pedro Tucson.

There has been speculation that the Foreign Affairs Secretary, Felixpillo Serrano, will be re-appointed to head the Philippine delegation to the United Nations. The name of his successor has, however, not yet been mentioned.—France-Press.

THE POOR FATHER

Syracuse, Dec. 30. Assemblyman Lawrence Rullison, the father of eight children, said he'll ask the legislature to pass a law to keep him from spending another Christmas Eve like the last one.

"You have to be an atomic scientist to get some of these toys together," Rullison said. "I spent most of Christmas Eve working."

The law will require toy manufacturers to test the assembly of toys before putting them in the market.—United Press.

Religious Editor Dies

New York, Dec. 30. Louis Minsky, editor of Religious News Service, died today in his home. He was 48.

Minsky, a native of England, had headed the news service since its organization in 1933. He also had been New York correspondent for various British publications and a special writer on religious topics for magazines and newspapers.

Religious News Service served Protestant, Catholic and Jewish periodicals as well as secular newspapers.—United Press.

Small Fire

A small fire broke out in Ah Kung Neam, a district of stone houses and huts and junk yards at the end of Shaukiwan district about 6 o'clock this morning.

Minor damage was caused to the ground floor of an unnumbered stone structure.

The fire was extinguished soon after the arrival of the Fire Brigade.—France-Press.

Direct Traffic

Paris, Dec. 30. Direct traffic by rail between Peking and Chengtu, capital of Szechuan, will require only 48 hours when the Peking-Chengtu rail line is inaugurated on January 1, Radio Peking said.

The line, which was opened in 1952, has been closed for reconstruction at the Chinese

CANADIAN TRADE MISSION SUCCESS

Vancouver, Dec. 30. The President of the British Board of Trade, Sir David Eccles, said today that Canada's 55-man trade mission to the United Kingdom did more to strengthen the Commonwealth than any other event since the war.

British manufacturers now feel they should "go all out for the Canadian market," Sir David told the Vancouver Board of Trade as he opened a one-man trade mission to Canada, the United States and Latin America.

He said increased trade between Canada and the United Kingdom would boost all Commonwealth ties because the Anglo-American relationship was the foundation of the Commonwealth.

Sir David, who laid the groundwork for the visit of the Canadian trade mission, said it opened the eyes of the British people to their own post-war recovery.

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They are the Education Secretary, Manuel Lim, the Health Secretary, Paulino Garcia, and the Justice Secretary, Pedro Tucson.

He warned, however, of two major deterrents to Mr Dieffenbaker's proposal to transfer 35 per cent of Canada's trade with the United States to the United Kingdom.

First, he said, Britain must defeat the threat of inflation by keeping its internal demand at a level which allowed for exports, and second, British manufacturers must be persuaded to make the extra effort required to overcome what he called "the peculiar difficulties of the Canadian market."

He said British manufacturers might rather increase exports to Africa, India, Australia and Europe, where they would not have to compete with the United States to the same degree as in Canada.

Mr Joyce, writing in the Lloyds list annual review published today, added: "The growth of the fleets under flags of convenience is the best evidence of the encouragement to shipbuilding which is given to owners who do not suffer the drain on their resources of heavy taxation liability."

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



INFLATION AND TAXES HIT UK SHIPPING

London, Dec. 31. World sea transport would pass into the hands of "flags-of-convenience" countries if taxation and inflation continued in Britain on the present scale, Mr J. H. Joyce, Chairman of the Liverpool Steamship Owners' Association, warned today.

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Robbery

Two Chinese attacked and robbed a 40-year-old deaf and dumb Chinese woman of \$80 in Wu Shik Street, Tai Hang, at about 10 o'clock last night.

The woman, who was injured in the struggle, is recovering treatment at the Queen Mary Hospital.

SHEAFFER'S

"ADMIRAL SNORKEL" PEN

Mr W. J. Anderson, Director of the Hongkong Government Office in Tokyo, said before his departure this morning on his return to Japan that he looked forward to the realisation of a federation of all the Colony's industries.

More Forces Needed In Atlantic

Washington, Dec. 30. Admiral Jerrold Wright, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Atlantic Fleet, admitted today that he had asked for "substantially more forces than we have now."

He added, though, that atomic depth charges and generally improved defences already made a Soviet submarine attack against American shores "an unpopular move for the attackers."

The Admiral told a press conference that American ships had gone as far as they could with the money available in perfecting anti-submarine measures, and called for more money, research, ships and aircraft to bolster defences against missile launching submarines.

He disclosed that the Navy's new depth charge, "Purity," had greatly extended the killing range of anti-submarine weapons but said its use required the closest co-operation between aircraft and surface ships.—Reuter.

DOCKYARD QUIET

The Royal Naval Dockyard started the day with "normal working conditions," this morning and a spokesman said nothing unusual or disorderly had taken place.

Yesterday, a number of workmen refused to leave the pay office when they discovered that their wages had been deducted because of sit-down.

The strike staged last week, those who protested remained outside the pay office for several hours but returned to their work about 4 p.m. when they were told that discussions on the deductions would only be entertained after they had returned to work.

Woman Suspect

A Chinese woman was detained by the Police following the theft of a sum of money from a woman pedestrian in King Street, near Poplar Street, at about 11:30 a.m. yesterday.

Girl Injured

A seven-year-old girl, Tsang Vim-fong, No. 9, Lion Rock Road, third floor, was knocked down and seriously injured by a large crowd of spectators lined up and cheered the distinguished couple as the car drove slowly out of sight.

The injured girl is being treated at the Kowloon Hospital.

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